SRI K. VENKAIAH :—" మంత్రిగారు చెప్పినప్రకారం ఈ సంఘము నిబంధనలను ఆచరణలో పెట్టలేదనేటటువంటిది స్పష్టమగుచున్నది. పైగా అక్కడ ఉన్నటువంటి, హరిజనులు పేదవారు ఈ భూమి కావాలని కోరుతున్నారు. ఇప్పుడు మంత్రిగారు అది ఒక సంఘమని చెప్పుతున్నారు. కాని నిజానికి అది సంఘము కాదు. అది ఒక భూస్వామికి సంబంధించిందేనని అక్కడ తెలిసినటువంటి మిత్రులు చెప్పుచున్నారు. కాబట్టి ఎందుకుగాను ప్రభుత్వము ఆ ధనికుని చేతుల్లోనుంచి భూమిని తీసుకొని బీదవారికి ఇవ్వటానికి నిరాకరిస్తుందో చెప్పవలసిందిగా కోరుతున్నాను."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"The hon. Member may put another question if he wants more information."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—"What is the number of members of the Draksharam Agricultural Association?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"I am not able to tell it now, Sir."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" ఇంతకుముందు వేసినటువంటి ప్రశ్నకు, ఈ ప్రశ్నకు మంత్రిగారు ఇచ్చినటువంటి జవాబునుబట్టి, మన దేశములో ఉన్నటువంటి బంజరు భూము లన్నిటినీ భూస్వాములకు అట్టి పెట్టారని ప్రపంచము అనుకోకుండా నింధనలను తప్పినటువంటి భూస్వాములనుంచి ప్రభుత్వము భూములను తీసుకొని బీద రైతులకు, హరిజనులకు ఇవ్వడానికి సిద్ధంగా ఉన్నదా?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"I want notice, Sir."

SRI T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—"In view of the allegations just now made that this association is not an association, but an individual under the style of an association, may I request the Government to investigate the matter and find out whether the association has a large number of members or just one or two?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"Apart from clearing the mess, Sir, I will find out what the association is about."

Organization of handloom weavers under the Ryan Scheme.

* 346 *Q.*—SRI R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of handloom weavers organized in societies according to the Ryan Scheme;

(i) in the whole State;

(ii) in Palghat, South Malabar;

(*b*) in what all places such societies are now in existence;

(*c*) whether they are given any financial assistance; and

(*d*) if so, what is the rate?

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" (a) (i) 35,611.
(ii) 1,141.

" (b) The scheme is being worked in Palghat taluk in the following societies—

(1) Kodumba Weavers' Co-operative Society.
(2) Pazhambalacode Weavers' Co-operative Society.
(3) Kannambra Weavers' Co-operative Society.
(4) Puthucode Weavers' Co-operative Society.
(5) Elapully Weavers' Co-operative Society.
(6) Pallanchathanaur Weavers' Co-operative Society.
(7) Kollengode Weavers' Co-operative Society.

" (c) Yes, Sir.

" (d) Each new weaver admitted into the co-operative fold under the scheme is given an interest-free loan of Rs. 25 to enable him to pay the necessary share capital. The societies working the scheme are also provided with working capital by the Central Banks at Rs. 65 per loom per month under Government guarantee."

SRI R. KRISHNAN:—" Many handloom societies are rejecting the membership applications of workers in Palghat and are thus preventing hundreds of workers from becoming members of the societies. Even the society members get only six annas for one knot of yarn. One loom gets only 2 knots of yarn a day and it means a worker gets twelve annas a day. This is insufficient to maintain a family. Will the Government consider ways and means to improve their conditions?"

MR. SPEAKER:—" The hon. Member is making a speech."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" Sir, the question is so long that I have forgotten when it came to the end, what the beginning was."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH:—" In view of the fact that the Registrar's scheme provides relief to only a small number of weavers in the State and also in view of the fact that several thousands of handloom weavers have resorted to begging, will the Government consider giving some other relief to them by way of giving unemployment cash doles or by starting collective weaving centres or by starting gruel centres in all weaving centres where there are more than 100 handlooms?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" The Government have no such proposal at the present moment. They feel that the Registrar's Scheme will be worked as a success. If, on complete trial after a reasonable period, it is found that the Ryan Scheme is not working, it will be time that the Government consider other schemes."

SRI R. KRISHNAN:—" Many handloom workers are getting only six annas as wages for one knot of yarn. One loom gets only

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2 knots of yarn a day. It means a worker gets only twelve annas a day. As it is not sufficient to maintain a family, will the Government consider ways and means to improve their conditions?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"I can only say that the Government feel that six annas per knot is better than nothing."

2 40 p.m. SRI P. VENKATASWAMI REDDI:—"Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether the weavers who are not members of co-operative societies are eligible for loans, and also whether the weavers will be permitted to form separate co-operative societies in places where the existing societies are not willing to undertake the Ryan Scheme?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"Yes, Sir; new societies can be formed under such circumstances; but loans cannot be given to those who are not members of the societies."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH:—"May I know what the Ryan Scheme exactly is and if it is going to be implemented in the Cuddapah district?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"I think it is for the whole State, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR:—"If the Government really want the scheme to embrace the whole of the State, in view of the fact that special conditions are prevalent in Malabar and the vast majority, about 99 per cent of the weavers, have not taken shares or have not become members of societies, will the Government be pleased to conduct an enquiry why this has happened and will they take steps to see that the workers, who number about half a lakh there, are saved from unemployment?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"Sir, the hon. Member is aware that it was brought to the notice of this House that the Ryan Scheme may not work in Malabar owing to the fact that many of the workers work in factories and do not have looms of their own; therefore, in regard to Malabar, the Collector was asked to submit a special scheme whereby yarn was given to the factory workers and an amicable settlement was arrived at between the factory workers and the labourers, and I think my friend Mr. Nambiyar also was aware of it and was instrumental in bringing about that happy settlement."

Construction of a dam across the river Sankaraparani in Gingee taluk.

* 347 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what happened to the proposal to construct a dam across the river Sankaraparani near Sevalapurai village, Gingee taluk, South Arcot district; and